Chapter 10

Holoearth Days! A Tale Side:W

Vesta de Cooking

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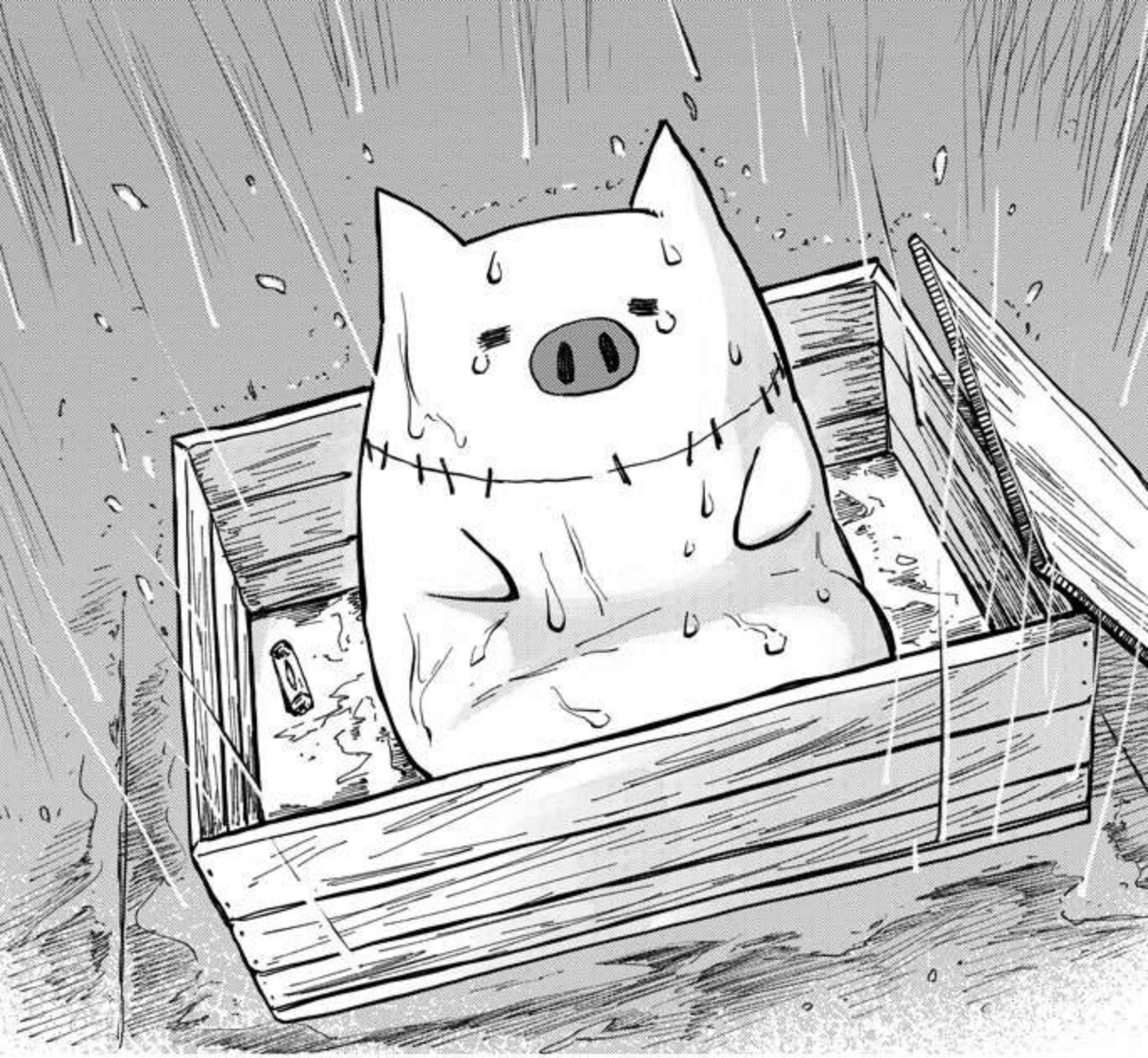
FSSSSSSSH...
UGH, REALLY?!
THIS SUCKS!
WHERE DID THIS RAIN EVEN COME FROM?!
SPLASH

FSSS
SSSSSSSH...
OINK...
SSSSSSSSSSSSSSH...



...A PIG?
OINK
YOU KNOW HOW WE HAD THAT POURING RAIN?
YEAH, IT WAS CRAZY.
WELL, LOOK WHAT I FOUND THAT DAY.

I COULDN'T JUST LEAVE IT THERE.
OINK
SO I'M GONNA MAKE THIS PIG MY PET!
...PIG?

ARE YOU SURE THAT'S A PIG?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
BING
TAP TAP
I DUNNO... NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.
YOU GET PIGS LIKE THIS IN VESTA, RIGHT?
IT'S GOT A PIG NOSE, DOESN'T IT?
HAACHAMA, DO YOU HAVE A NAME FOR IT YET?
PLOP

IT'S HAATO'S LITTLE PIGGY GLUTTON...
"HAATON" FOR SHORT!
ISN'T THAT CUTE?
I GUESS...
IT'S CUTE.
IT LOOKS TASTY.
YOU STAY AWAY FROM HAATON, NOEL-CHAN.

OH,
WHEN I FOUND HAATON,
I ALSO FOUND THIS NEXT TO IT.
WHAT IS IT?

IT LOOKS LIKE A RECORDING MEDIUM FOR A MANA-PHONE.
THIS THING?
HOW DO YOU USE IT?
LET ME SEE THAT.
SQUEAK
I'M PRETTY SURE...
THIS IS A CAP.
POP
OOH!
COULD IT BE ANOTHER OTHER-WORLDLY ARTI-FACT?
BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS KIND OF CONNECTOR BEFORE.
LEMME SEE!
I KNOW THIS! IT'S USB!
USB?
IT MIGHT FIT IN MY SMART-PHONE.
CLICK

Reverie a la Carte
"REVERIE A LA CARTE"?
BLNG
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
IT'S LIKE "A DREAMY MENU."
WHY WAS THIS
LEFT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD WITH HAATON?

LET'S SEE...
WHAT KIND OF FOOD IS ON THIS MENU?
It's not?
THAT'S NOT IMPOR-TANT!
IT'S FULL OF RECIPES THAT I RECOGNIZE.
HUH.
gyudon
"GYUDON."
"OKONO-MIYAKI."
...HUH?
...HMM?
SHOW US!
CLATTER
SO IT'S A RECIPE BOOK FROM ANOTHER WORLD?

WHA?
I CAN'T READ IT.

JAPA-NESE?
AND YOU CAN READ THAT, HAA-CHAMA?
WELL, YEAH, OF COURSE.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
IT'S ALL IN JAPANESE.

Gyudon
材料(2人分)
玉ねぎ…1/2個
LET ME SEE, TOO!
WHAT FOODS DOES THIS OTHER WORLD...
WOW!

WA-
TAME,
DO WE HAVE RICE?
NOPE.
CAN'T MAKE IT, THEN.
SHAKE
SHAKE
THIS LOOKS SO GOOD.
HUFF
HUFF
GYUDON?
"GYUDON"...
I'D LOVE TO TRY IT...
AWW...
...
BUT ASIDE FROM GYUDON,
IF ANYTHING ELSE CATCHES YOUR EYE, I'D BE HAPPY TO COOK IT FOR YOU!
!
?!

HAACHAMA, YOU JUST READ THE RECIPES TO US!
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE COOKING, OKAY?

HM?
OOH! THIS LOOKS GOOD.

OKONOMIYAKI?
THAT'S A FUNNY NAME.
WHAT EVEN IS THAT?
"OKONO-MIYAKI"...
Okonomiya

HOW DO I EXPLAIN IT?
YOU COOK A BIG MUSH OF INGREDIENTS ON A HOT PLATE,
DRIZZLE IT WITH OKONOMIYAKI SAUCE, AND EAT IT.
Eww...
SOUNDS GROSS...
BUT IT TASTES GOOD! REALLY!
YOU NEED CAKE FLOUR, CABBAGE,
MOUNTAIN YAMS, BENI SHOGA...
WAIT, SLOW DOWN!
WHAT THE HECK IS "BENI SHOGA"?!

YOU SURE WE CAN TRUST THAT RECIPE?
OH BOY...
I DUNNO ABOUT THE RECIPE,
BUT YOU CAN TRUST ME FOR SURE!
JUST FOLLOW MY INSTRUC-TIONS!
ALL RIGHT!
READ THE RECIPE!
CAN YOU SKIP THAT PART?
KEEP YOUR KITCHEN ORGANIZED AND YOUR WORKSPACE CLEAR.
FIRST,
MAKE SURE ALL YOUR COOKWARE IS CLEAN.
WATAME, YOU DO THE CABBAGE.
I'LL DO THE YAMS.
THEN PEEL AND GRATE THE MOUNTAIN YAMS.
OKAY, FIRST, COARSELY SHRED THE CABBAGE.

RIGHT, RIGHT.
...RIGHT?
CHOP. CHOP.
MIX THE FLOUR, DRIED DASHI, AND WATER IN A BOWL.
NEXT,
YEAH, SURE.
...
I'M TRUSTING YOU, HERE!
YEP.
DASHI? IS THAT LIKE BOUILLON?
SO WE CAN SUBSTITUTE BOUILLON FOR THE DASHI?
HOW DO YOU SHAVE A FISH?
NO CLUE.
IT'S SHAVED FLAKES OF BONITO... I THINK.
WHAT'S THAT?
YOU CAN ALSO ADD KATSUOBUSHI TO YOUR LIKING.

IT'S LIKE PICKLED GINGER.
I THINK.
AGAIN, WHAT IS THAT?
NEXT, CHOP AND ADD THE BENI SHOGA.
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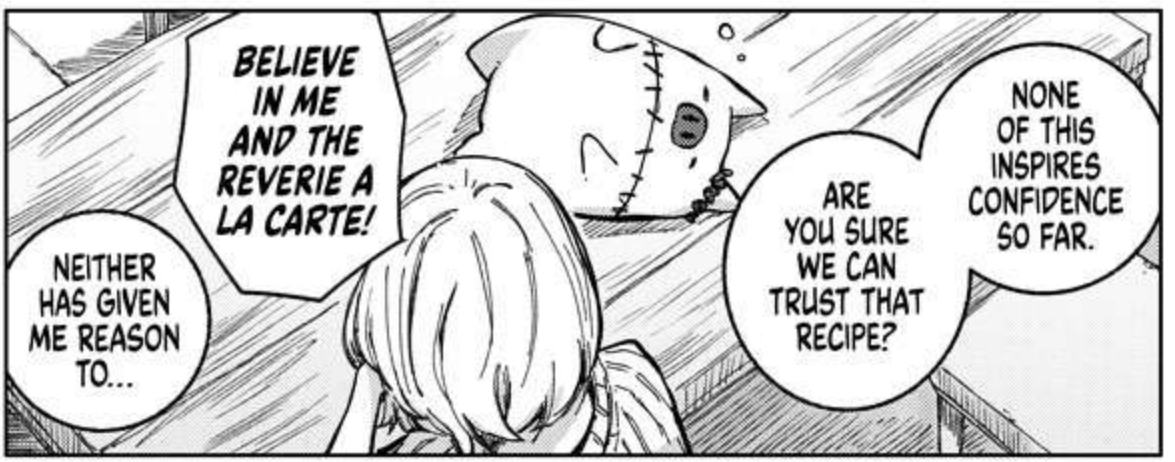
NEITHER HAS GIVEN ME REASON TO...
BELIEVE IN ME AND THE REVERIE A LA CARTE!
ARE YOU SURE WE CAN TRUST THAT RECIPE?
NONE OF THIS INSPIRES CONFIDENCE SO FAR.

DRIP

Otherworldly Okonomiyaki
IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE OKONOMIYAKI!
IT'S DONE!
...PROB-ABLY?
Ahh...
SO WE HAD TO MAKE DO WITH THE LEFTOVER TONKATSU SAUCE.
WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY "OKONO-MIYAKI SAUCE,"
LET'S GIVE IT A TASTE!
IT SMELLS LIKE REAL OKONO-MIYAKI.

HOT! HOT!
MMM!
HOO
IT'S CRISP ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT FLUFFY ON THE INSIDE!
THAT'S SO NEAT!
THE CABBAGE ADDS SWEET-NESS
AND THE GINGER ADDS A NICE ZING.

SO THIS IS PROBABLY SAFE TO EAT.
PIGS ARE OMNIVORES, BUT EAT MOSTLY PLANTS.
HMM...
WE'RE JUST ACCEPTING THAT IT'S A PIG NOW?
OINK
OINK!
?
YOU WANT SOME, TOO?
MUNCH MUNCH
IT'S A LITTLE TASTE OF MY HOME!
GO ON AND TRY SOME.
OKAY, HERE.
CLINK
HMM?
YOU THINK IT'S YUMMY?
OINK!

?
YEAH, JUST LIKE I SAID.
UM, HAA-CHAMA,
YOU'RE REALLY GONNA KEEP THAT AS A PET?
I JUST GOTTA TAKE CARE OF HAATON
THE WAY I'D WANT TO BE TAKEN CARE OF!
RIGHT, WATAME?
A PET IS A BIG RESPONSIBILITY, YOU KNOW.
HAVE YOU THOUGHT THIS THROUGH?
OF COURSE I HAVE.
...?
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME?

WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THIS WORLD, I WAS ALL ALONE.
BUT YOU FOUND ME, AND OFFERED ME YOUR HAND.
THAT WAS ONE OF THE BEST FEELINGS EVER.
SO I WANNA DO THE SAME THING FOR HAATON!

...I SEE.
GRIN
HAATON!
OINK!
WELCOME TO THE FAMILY,